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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, AS

SUBJECT: PRIMIN ON MEAT QUOTAS

REF: CANBERRA 7325

1. I WAS SUMMONED TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE LAST NIGHT AFTER MY RETURN TO CANBERRA FROM VICTORIA. THE PRIM WANTED TO EMPHASIZE TO ME PERSONALLY HOW SERIOUS HE FELT THE SITUATION TO BE WITH RESPECT TO MEAT QUOTAS. HE SAID IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC IF THE QUOTA WAS CUT BELOW THE 632 MILLION POUNDS AND INDICATED IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH POLITICAL MATTERS HERE IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN.

2. I POINTED OUT THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MEAT MOVING INTO THE UNITED STATES (INCLUDING PUERTO RICO) AND CANADA HAS BEEN GREATER THIS YEAR THAN PREVIOUSLY, BUT HE SAID THAT TYPE OF ARGUMENT WOULD NOT WASH POLITICALLY. HE CONTINUES TO BE VERY STRONG IN INSISTING UPON A FULL 632 MILLION POUND QUOTA.  
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